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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL SEMINAR

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL SEMINAR SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED SEMINAR AND BUSINESS VISITS TO POLAND. SEMINAR WARMLY RECEIVED BY POLISH HOST. ALTHOUGH MEETING ATTENDANCE NOT UNIFORM THROUGHOUT SESSIONS, LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL POLISH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WAS REACHED. CLOSE CONTACT WAS MADE AT VICE-MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN EACH OF THREE MINISTRIES: TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MACHINE INDUSTRY AND MINING.

2. SECRETARY DENT'S VIDEO-TAPED MESSAGE EFFECTIVE AND WELL-RECEIVED.

3. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES APPEAR TO EXIST AND SHOULD BE EXPLOITED IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: (A) TELEPHONE TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT; (B) DATA NETWORKS; (C) LAND MOBILE RADIO; (D) SATELLITE EARTH TERMINALS; (E) NAVIGATION SYSTEMS; AND (F) TEST EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC TEST AND CHECK-OUT OF ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS. THE POLES EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL-COOPERATION AGREEMENTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO EARN HARD CURRENCY THROUGH EXPORT OF POLISH PRODUCTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNOLOGY, OR EQUIPMENT PRODUCED UNDER WESTERN LICENSE.

4. SEMINAR ATTENDANCE OCT 7 ABOUT 60, OCT 8 BETWEEN 40 AND 45. PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY 12 JOURNALISTS.

5. SALES REPORTED DURING SEMINAR AMOUNT TO \$75,000, WITH \$17,610,000 PROJECTED FOR THE NEXT 12 TO 24 MONTHS. PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON 16 BUSINESS LEADS DEVELOPED.

6. EMBASSY SUPPORT EXCELLENT, WITH SCHEDULING OF INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS PROFESSIONALLY HANDLED. THE TECHNICAL SEMINAR SEEMS TO HAVE REMOVED ANY LINGERING DOUBTS THE POLES MAY HAVE HAD ABOUT THE LEVEL OF US TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY FOLLOWING VISIT OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE MISSION IN 1972. THE SEMINAR TECHNIQUE WAS WELL RECEIVED HERE AND SHOULD PROVE USEFUL FOR BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES FRO US FIRMS IN MEDIUM TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY FILDS WHERE SPECIFIC US TECHNOLOGIES ARE NOT WELL KNOWN. AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE SECONDARY BENEFIT OF THE APPROACH IS THAT IS GIVES THE US SIDE A LOOK AT POLISH TECHNOLOGY AND AT THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH INDUSTRIAL COOPEATION AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT.

7. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE SEMINAR WAS EXTRAORDINARY, THANKS TO THE SIMULTANEOUS VISIT OF FIRST SECRETARY GIerek TO THE UNITED STATES. POLANDS TWO LEADING DAILIES, "TRYBUNA LUDU" AND "ZYCIE WARSZAWY," CARRIED BRIEF ARTICLES OCT 8 ANNOUNCING THE SEMINARS ARRIVAL AND NOTING TOPICS COVERED IN THE FIRST DAYS SESSIONS. FOLLOWING THE OCT 8 PRESS CONFERENCE A STORY APPEARED IN THE "TRYBUNA LUDU" POINTING OUT THAT THE SEMINAR HAD PROVIDED US AND POLISH EXPERTS WITH AN OPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE STATE OF EACH OTHERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY. DRAWING ON THE COMMENTS OF OUR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS THE STORY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE VARY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION THEY FORMED OF POLISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FIELD, AND MENTIONED SOME AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND POLISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES. THE SEMINAR WAS MENTIONED IN SEVERAL POLISH RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7. POLISH RADIO ALSO RECORED AN INTERVIEW WITH DR POLISHUK UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MR SODOLSKI FOR DOMESTIC USE OCT 11, 12, ND 13.

8. PRELIMINARY BUDGET ANALYSIS

COMMERCE BUDGET	ESTIMATE	PRELIMINARY
(US\$)	COST (Z1)	
CHAIRMANS SUITE	100	6,021
CHAIMAN/COORDINATOR ROOM	140	9,042

SEMINAR ROOM 220 14,000
TRANSPORTATION 400 UNKNOWN
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS 114 UNKNOWN
ESCORT INTERPRETERS 240 3,400
PHOTOGRAPHER 50 2,000(EST)
RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY 50 -0-
PRINTING 30 1,500(EST)
PREPARATION/MAILING OF

INVITATIONS 20 UNKNOWN

NOTE: SEVERAL BILLS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR TRANSPORTATION
AND FOR CHARGES BY SEMINAR CO-SPONSOR, HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

HOSPITALITY BUDGET 316 4,740
RECEPTION 120 100
DINNER 246 17,570
REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPLIES 50 3,600
PRESS CONFERENCE 20 2,015
MISCELLANEOUS 863

NOTE: SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTED AN ADDITIONAL \$60
EACH TO COVER ALL EXPENSES DUE GREATLY TO OVERRUN IN
YUGOSLAVIA.

9. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES TECHNICAL SEMINAR
PROVIDED EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR EXPLORING POTENTIAL OF THIS
MARKET AND FOR SOLIDLY ESTABLISHING THE CAPABILITIES OF
US FIRMS AND THEIR INTEREST IN POLAND. IN OUR VIEW
THREE FACTORS WERE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF
VISIT: A. THE QUALITY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE REPRESEN-
TATION; B. INCLUSION OF SEVERAL OTM FIRMS WHOSE SERIOUS,
CONTINUING INTEREST IN POLISH MARKET IS KNOWN HERE; C.
RETURN OF ADVANCE MAN WITH THE GROUP. WE HAVE IN THE PAST
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ADVANCE MAN RETURN WITH HIS TRADE
MISSION, AND WE FEEL THE USE OF THIS TECHNIQUE, AND OF A
HIGHLY-SKILLED INDIVIDUAL, GREATLY AIDED SEMINAR MEMBERS
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AND EMBASSY.

10. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, THE SEMINAR WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE
SUCCESSFUL HAD INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
TO US WELL IN ADVANCE, IN POLISH, AS CALLED FOR IN THE
INITIAL PLANNING. COMPLETE TEXTS, EVEN IN ENGLISH, WOULD
HAVE ENABLED US TO REACH A BROADER AUDIENCE AND BY PROVIDING
A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE FOCUS TO
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS. THE ABSENCE OF COMPLETE
TEXTS WAS ALL THE MORE EMBARRASSING BECAUSE WE HAD INFORMED
OUR POLISH CO-SPONSORS, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM COMMERCE AND NEVER SUBSEQUENTLY CORRECTED, THAT TEXTS
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BUDGETARY CON-
STRAINTS ULTIMATELY RULED OUT TRANSLATION OF THE TEXTS,
BUT WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN ORGANIZING FUTURE TECHNICAL

SEMINARS, DEPARTMENT CONSIDER HOLDING PARTICIPANTS
RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSLATION COSTS.
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